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SUBJECT: DPC MEETING JULY 25 ON US NAVY COMMITMENT TO NATO

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SUMMARY. SYG HAS CIRCULATED TO DPC PERMREPS TEXT OF LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE ON SUBJECT. WE UNDERSTAND SUBJECT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A DPC MEETING TO BE CALLED AFTER NAC ON JULY 25 AND THAT PERMREPS WILL BE ASKED TO NOTE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE'S VIEWS. END SUMMARY.

1. BY PO/73/107 OF JULY 19 SYG LUNS CIRCULATED THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN, MILITARY COMMITTEE ASSESSING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE US NAVY COMMITMENT TO NATO. SYG INDICATED THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE PLACED BEFORE THE DPC IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT DPC WILL BE CONVENED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING NAC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 25 AND THAT PERMREPS WILL BE ASKED BY SYG TO NOTE THE MILITARY ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN THE CHAIRMAN, MC

LETTER. WE PROPOSE TO FOLLOW SYG'S REQUEST.

3. TEXT OF LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN, MC TO SYG FOLLOWS. QUOTE:

WITH REFERENCE TO AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S LETTER DATED 2ND JULY, 1973 CONCERNING THE US NAVAL DPQ 73 PROPOSALS, ADMIRAL ZUMWALT, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, US NAVY, GAVE A FULL PRESENTATION TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ON 6TH JULY OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME FOR THE US NAVY.

FOLLOWING THIS THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES ASSESSED THE EFFECT OF THE CHANGES CONTEMPLATED. THEY CAME TO THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS. NATURALLY, THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH ANY REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL NUMBER OF SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES; HOWEVER, RECOGNIZING THE GREATLY DIMINISHING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AGING SHIPS TO BE WITHDRAWN, AND THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED IN INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS BY THE US REPLACEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMME, THEY CONSIDER THAT THE RISK INVOLVED IN SHORT TERM REDUCTIONS OF EARMARKED FORCES IS ACCEPTABLE IN THE INTERESTS OF OBTAINING FUTURE IMPROVED CAPABILITY.

THEY ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WHEN THE MODERNIZATION AS EXPLAINED BY ADMIRAL ZUMWALT IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, THESE CHANGES MAY WELL TURN OUT TO BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF NATO'S OVERALL MARITIME FORCE STRUCTURE.

MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU BRING THESE VIEWS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DPC AND THAT THEY, IN THEIR CONSIDERATIONS, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE MILITARY ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES.

END QUOTE.
RUMSFELD

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